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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attention: Box PCT/DO/EO/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 35 USC 111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT. For the purposes of adding the priority information, kindly amend the application as follows.

## In the Abstract:

✓ Kindly substitute the attached Abstract, which as been placed on a separate sheet in accordance with U.S. practice.

### **In the Specification:**

On the first-line of the specification, after the Title, kindly add:

This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/EP00/06226 filed July 4, 2000, which claims priority from GB 9918627.2 filed August 7, 1999. --.

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**In th Claims:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows. Marked-up and clean versions of the new and amended claims is provided herein. Kindly substitute the clean version of the amended claims for the corresponding pending claims.

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